Colchester Public Schools
Application for Approval of Field Trip

Overview : This Form must be completed by all staff to request approval of a Field Trip

Directions

1. Complete the form with all applicable documentation and submit to your Department Head (BA only) and your Administrator. The Form must be submitted at least **2 weeks prior** to the Field Trip for In-State Trips and **10 weeks prior** to the Field Trip for Out-of-State Trips.
2. If approved by your Administrator, the form must be sent to the Assistant Superintendent for approval.
3. If approved by the Assistant Superintendent, the form will be sent to the Superintendent for approval.
4. If the Trip is Out-of-State, it will be brought to the Board of Education at their next scheduled Meeting for approval and final decision.

Instructional Focus

Is this Trip directly related to curriculum? (Yes) No	Curriculum Unit : Asian Studies

Field Trip Information

Applicant Name : Angie Parkinson	Method of Transportation : Airline
School : Bacon Academy	Bus Service Number :
Grade(s) & Group(s) : 9-12	Number of Students : 20
Date(s) of Trip : July 2027	Number of Day(s) of Trip : 10 days
Event : Japan's Cultural Odyssey: An Educational Expedition through Passports.com	
Destination : Japan (see attached)	Phone Number :
Destination Address :	State :
Time of Departure from School : TBD.	Clothing / Equipment Required :
Time of Arrival to School :	

Student Cost Information

*Cost to Student $ 6692.00	Suggested Student Pocket Money $

Supervision Information

1. Name : Angie Parkinson	Cell Phone : 860-830-5511
2. Name : Kristie Blanchard	Cell Phone : 860-416-5619

List all Adult Chaperones: Ratio of adult chaperones to students must be at least : 1:5 for Grades K-2, 1:8 for Grades 3-5, 1:10 for Grades 6-8 and 1:15 for Grades 9-12 (1 day trips) or 1:10 (overnight trips)

+1 admin TBD.

Administrator Signatures

Applicant		Date 9/22/25		
Department Chair (BA Only)		Date 9/22/25	Approved	Denied
Principal/Administrator	Amy Begue	Date 9/23/25	Approved	Denied
Assistant Superintendent		Date 10/1/25	Approved	Denied
Superintendent		Date 10/2/25	Approved	Denied

Board of Education (if applicable)

w/ Restrictions Below

Board of Education Meeting Date	October 14, 2025	Approved	Denied

(1) Admin as chaperone
(2) Limited to class of 27, 28, 29

Field Trip Instructional Plan

Field Trip Location : Japan: Tokyo, Kyoto Hiroshima Tour through Passports.com

Reference Check : Visited Site On : *OR* Spoke with:

Name of Staff Completing Form :

Grade / Group Attending :

Instructional Focus of Field Trip

Specific Curriculum Standards Addressed by Field Trip:

See attached

Assessment of Student Learning:

Trip Agenda/Activities

List/Attach entire break out of times for each day. Include travel time and all activities

Date/Time	Location	Activity
	Tokyo Japan	see attached
	Kyoto Japan	
	Hiroshima Japan	

Bus Information

Bus Reservation Date	Price of Bus(es) $

Japan's Cultural Odyssey: An Educational Expedition

Group Organizer: Ms. Angie Parkinson

Tour Includes

Departure Date
July 1, 2027

Overnights
Tokyo 3 • Kyoto 2 • Hiroshima 2 • Tokyo 1

Accommodations
Accommodations in centrally-located three-star or four-star hotels. Rooming on a double basis.

Transportation
Round-trip transportation on scheduled airline.

Meals
All breakfasts. Seven lunches. All dinners. Lunch on Days 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8 and 9. Okonomiyaki cooking class on Day 8.

Guides
English-speaking tour escort throughout. Guides as noted on itinerary. Tipping is included in the Program Cost.

Travel Protection
passports provides a complimentary Post-Departure Travel Protection Plan that includes coverage for Trip Interruption, Trip Delay, Medical Expenses, and more.

Investment

$6692
$319 / month

Program Cost	$6942
	-$250 Early Enrollment Discount
Total	$6692

Monthly payments are based on the E-Z Pay payment schedule with $0 deposit. Early Enrollment Discount expires October 15, 2025. Final payment is due 3/13/2027 or, with E-Z Pay, 6/1/2027. Tour cost is based on a minimum group size of 20 participants. Departure from Boston, MA.

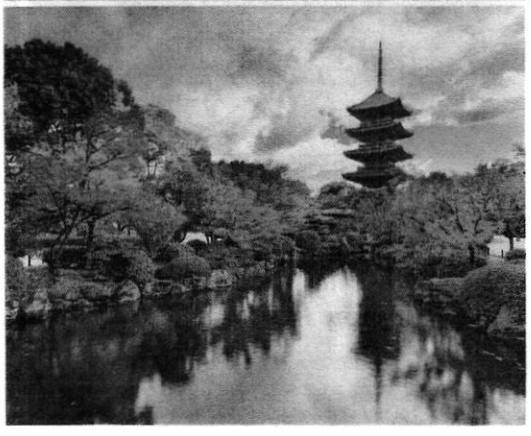
For More Information

1. Visit our website **passports.com**
2. Enter Tour ID **APARKINSON2027-3**

51 Union St., Suite 106, Worcester, MA 01608 800 332 7277

Japan's Cultural Odyssey: An Educational Expedition

Departs: July 1, 2027



To enroll or view full text itinerary, point your camera here:

Itinerary Includes
English-speaking tour escort throughout

Days 1-2: Arrival Tokyo
Arrival in Tokyo: Arrival transfer

Meet your Tour Director, Transfer to Hotel, Orientation meeting

Tokyo Metropolitan Government Building Ascent

Day 3: Tokyo
City sightseeing in Tokyo: Meiji Shrine, Harajuku District

Teamlab

Day 4: Tokyo
Asakusa District: Asakusa Shrine

Kimono Experience

Sumo Experience

Walking tour in Akihabara Electric Town

Day 5: Tokyo - Kyoto
Excursion to the Fuji-Hakone-Izu National Park and Owakudani Valley: Hakone Ropeway, Lake Ashi boat cruise, Bullet train Odawara-Kyoto

Day 6: Kyoto
Arashiyama Bamboo Forest: Tenryu-ji Temple

Japanese Tea Ceremony

Traditional Hanamikoji Dori

Day 7: Kyoto - Hiroshima
Excursion to Nara

Train to Hiroshima: Departure transfer, Bullet train Kyoto-Hiroshima, Arrival transfer

Day 8: Hiroshima
Visit to the Peace Memorial Park: Visit to the National Peace Memorial Hall, Testimony of an Hiroshima Survivor, Visit to the Hiroshima Peace Memorial Museum

Excursion to Miyajima Island: Round-trip ferry Hiroshima-Miyajima Island, Visit to the Itsukushima Shrine

Okonomiyaki cooking class

Day 9: Hiroshima - Tokyo
Train to Tokyo: Departure transfer, Bullet train Hiroshima-Tokyo, Arrival transfer

Visit the Tokyo National Museum

Sushi making class

Day 10: Departure
Depart Tokyo: Departure transfer

Field Trip Instructional Plan: Japan's Cultural Odyssey
July 2027

Field Trip Location: Japan - Tokyo, Kyoto, Hiroshima
Reference Check: spoke with Passports Educational Group Travel
Name of Staff Completing Form: Angie Parkinson
Grade/Group Attending: Bacon Academy Asian Studies students

Instructional Focus of Field Trip

Specific Curriculum Standards Addressed by Field Trip:

NCSS themes of social studies - this trip addresses 9 of the 10 themes:

1. *Culture: Social studies programs should include experiences that provide for the study of culture and cultural diversity.*
   - we'll be immersed in culture in each location, from experiencing sumo wrestling to wearing kimonos to learning to make sushi

2. *Time, continuity & change: Social studies programs should include experiences that provide for the study of the past and its legacy.*
   - we'll be immersed in history in each location, from the ancient capital of Kyoto to the modern capital Tokyo, and of course, Hiroshima

3. *People, places & environments: Social studies programs should include experiences that provide for the study of people, places, and environments.*
   - that's what this entire trip is about...exploring how Japan's unique environment contributes to its unique culture

4. *Individual development & identity: Social studies programs should include experiences that provide for the study of individual development and identity.*
   - meet Hiroshima survivor, meet sumo athlete, also constant interaction with tour guide, who is obviously a local

5. *Individuals, groups & institutions: Social studies programs should include experiences that provide for the study of interactions among individuals, groups, and institutions.*
    - this theme is woven throughout our experience

6. *Power, authority & governance: Social studies programs should include experiences that provide for the study of how people create, interact with, and change structures of power, authority, and governance.*
    - Japanese history is full of change in this realm. We'll see it in Kyoto and Tokyo, and at the Tokyo museum

7. *Production, distribution & consumption: Social studies programs should include experiences that provide for the study of how people organize for the production, distribution, and consumption of goods and services.*
    - Japan is the world's 3rd largest economy and is known for ingenious ways of moving people and goods...and its innovative services. We'll see many of those firsthand.

8. *Science, technology & society: Social studies programs should include experiences that provide for the study of relationships among science, technology, and society.*
    - architecture in Japan is a response to the constant threat of natural disasters...including earthquakes, volcanoes and tsunami. Also the Teamlab experience is supposed to be an unforgettable fusion of art and technology

9. *Global connections: Social studies programs should include experiences that provide for the study of global connections and interdependence.*
    - Tokyo as a global city, complex relations with the U.S. throughout history (long before WW2!)

c3 frameworks:

GEO 9–12.8 Evaluate the consequences of human-made and natural catastrophes on global trade, politics, and human migration.
HIST 9–12.1 Evaluate how historical events and developments were shaped by unique circumstances of time and place as well as broader historical contexts.

HIST 9-12.2 Analyze change and continuity in historical eras.
HIST 9-12.4 Analyze complex and interacting factors that influenced the perspectives of people during different historical eras.
HIST 9-12.5 Analyze how historical contexts shaped and continue to shape people's perspectives.
HIST 9-12.14 Analyze multiple and complex causes and effects of events in the past.
INQ 9-12.15 Use disciplinary and interdisciplinary lenses to understand the characteristics and causes of local, regional, and global problems; instances of such problems in multiple contexts; and challenges and opportunities faced by those trying to address these problems.

Assessment of Student Learning

As we travel and experience Japan's history and culture, we will discuss the **3 compelling questions for the Japan unit in Asian Studies** (and more, of course)**:**

- ***How has Japan's physical environment contributed to its unique culture?***
    - Relevant excursions: Tokyo - all (architecture/culture are adaptations to lack of space), Fuji-Hakone-Izu National Park & Owakudani Valley (geothermal activity/threats impact culture), Arashiyama Bamboo Forest & Nara excursion (appreciation of nature), cooking classes (environment impacts cuisine, obviously)
- ***How can Japanese culture be analogized by both the chrysanthemum and the sword?***
    - Relevant excursions: all Shinto shrines & Buddhist temples, sumo experience, tea ceremony, Tokyo National Museum (indigenous Ainu culture, samurai, etc.)
- ***Japan and the United States: friends or foes?***
    - Relevant excursions: Hiroshima - Peace Memorial Park, Peace Memorial Hall, testimony of an Hiroshima survivor, Hiroshima Peace Memorial Museum

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Trip Agenda/Activities (follow this link for **detailed** itinerary)

Days 1-2: Arrival Tokyo

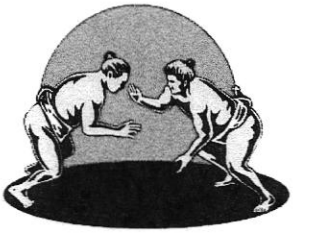
- meet tour director, transfer to hotel, orientation meeting
- Tokyo Metropolitan Government Building ascent

Day 3: Tokyo city sightseeing

- Meiji shrine
- Harajuku district
- Teamlab art experience (either Planets or Borderless)

Day 4: Tokyo Asakusa District

- Asakusa shrine
- Kimono experience
- Sumo experience
- Walking tour in Akihabara Electric Town



Day 5: Tokyo - Kyoto

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